

August 30, 2005

WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV390-5-2

SUBJECT: PDM - EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION (EWP)

Purpose: To provide employees with new telephone numbers for reporting stream impairments and directing citizens to request assistance to address streambank erosion and channel obstructions.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2005.

This bulletin transmits instructions to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) personnel for reporting watershed impairments and for citizens to request assistance through EWP or other West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA) programs to address streambank erosion and channel obstruction. The WVCA has reorganized its field office structure in order to improve its efficiency and response time in evaluating requests for assistance to watershed impairments resulting from flooding and other natural disasters in West Virginia. This reorganization has resulted in the establishment of Watershed Field Offices for the northern and southern regions of the state. The attached map shows the regional boundaries.

Requests for assistance from counties in the northern region are to be directed to the Watershed Field Office in Morgantown by calling (304) 285-3118 (FAX 304-285-3128). Requests for assistance from counties in the southern region should be directed to the Watershed Field Office in Oak Hill by calling (304) 469-6415 (FAX 304-469-4395). The Guthrie Center (304-558-2204) remains the central office for WVCA, however, that number should only be used as a last resort.

Initial site assessments will be made by WVCA personnel. Sites that are potentially eligible for EWP program assistance will be referred to NRCS by WVCA. Those sites will be evaluated for eligibility through the EWP process by the appropriate Damage Survey Report (DSR) Team.

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If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ron Wigal, EWP Program Coordinator, at (304) 284-7566.

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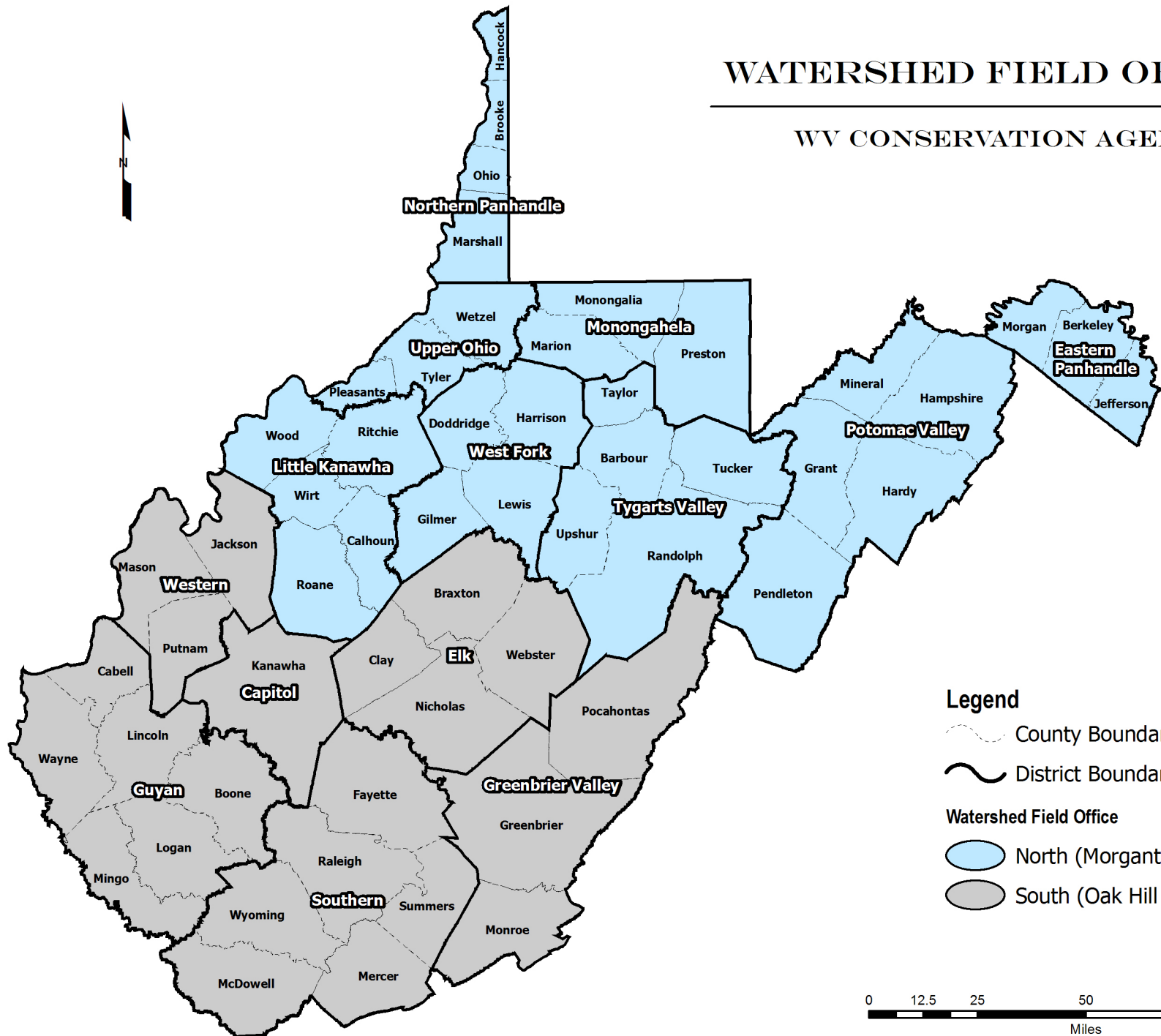
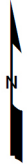
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Attachment: Map of WVCA Watershed Field Office regions.

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WATERSHED FIELD OFFICES

WV CONSERVATION AGENCY



Legend

County Boundary

District Boundary

Watershed Field Office

North (Morgantown Office)

South (Oak Hill Office)

